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*Major Michael Francis Olsen, TSA (ret), USN
July 1, 1938 ~ December 8, 2022*

Please join the family for light refreshments after the service.

Major Michael Francis Olsen, SA (ret.), USN passed away on Thursday, December 8th, 2022, at the age of 84.

“Major Mike” Olsen was a Hero in every definition of the word. He was a veteran Cold War submariner, police officer, firefighter, paramedic, fire investigator, and Salvation Army officer. He and his wife, Ruth, served in the Western Territory, Russia, Ukraine, and finally at International Headquarters, where he was a bringer of hope and charity to thousands of refugees and victims of disasters and wars all over the world. A lifelong musician, his greatest joy in later years was playing his tuba in The Salvation Army band as well as Desert Brass, near his home in Surprise, Arizona.

Michael is survived by his children Sven Michael Olsen (Susan), Dennise Olsen Fadler (Randolph), Michelle Olsen Hinson (H. Douglas), and James Dennis Olsen; grandchildren Erin, Michael, Sean, Jacob, Emmalee, Christien, Kathleen, and Scott; great-grandchildren William, Grayson, Violet, Thatcher, and Madeline; brothers James, Dennis, Christopher, and William Olsen; and sister Linda Olsen Gardner. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Ruth Ann Kaizer Olsen; daughter-in-law, Kathleen Kingsmill Olsen; and granddaughter, Maire Caitlin Olsen.

Sailor, rest your oar. Go rest high on that mountain. Well done, good and faithful servant.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Mike with a donation to his beloved
Desert Brass:

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